

ANNUAL REPORT

. . . of the . . .

Selectmen, Collector, Treasurer, Highway
Agents, Auditor, Trustees of the Public Library,
. . . and School Board . . .

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Town of Atkinson

For the Year Ending February 15, 1901.



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THE CHASE PRESS,
HAVERHILL, MASSACHUSETTS,
1901.

ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT
FOR THE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TO BE HELD

March 12, 1901, at 10 o'clock A. M., in Academy Hall.

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1. To choose by ballot and major vote three Selectmen, a Town Clerk and Town Treasurer for ensuing year.
 2. To choose by ballot a Library Trustee for ensuing three years.
 3. To choose by major vote a Collector of Taxes, Surveyors of Highways, Fence Viewers, Measurers of Wood, Surveyors of Timber and Lumber and all other necessary town officers.
 4. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the town schools, above what is required by law.
 5. To see if the town will raise \$300 to pay the tuitions of town scholars at the Academy, the unexpended balance, if any, to be used for any town purposes.
 6. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the Public Library above what is required by law.
 7. To see what sum of money the town will raise for Highways.
 8. To see what sum of money the town will raise for town expenses.

9. To see if the town will raise \$75 for completing drain, grading, and other improvements in cemetery.

10. To see if the town will raise money to pave the gutters wholly, or in part, of Providence Hill, the people in that vicinity, both in Atkinson and Salem, offering to contribute not less than \$50 in labor for this purpose.

11. To see if the town will raise money to change the double desks in town school-houses for single desks and seats.

12. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF ATKINSON.

Valuation of resident real estate	\$202,155 00
Valuation of non-resident real estate . . .	35,670 00
157 horses	7,825 00
459 cows	12,287 00
45 neat stock	858 00
12 sheep	55 00
8 hogs	70 00
2 oxen	125 00
116 polls	11,600 00
1 mill	600 00
Carriages	700 00
Stock in trade	5,306 00
Money at interest	32,215 00
Fowls	75 00
	<hr/> \$309,541 00

On which valuation, the Selectmen have assessed the following amounts at the rate of \$1.38 on \$100 :

State tax	\$548 25
County tax	839 68
Town tax	400 00
School tax	645 00

Extra school tax	\$300 00
Library tax	38 70
Extra library tax	100 00
Cemetery	100 00
Highway tax	1,000 00
To pay tuitions of town pupils at Academy	300 00
Percentage . . . . .	.04
	<hr/> \$4,271 67

The Selectmen have given orders on the Treasurer as follows :

SCHOOLS.

School board	\$974 50
School supplies	96 59
Trustees of the Academy to pay tuitions	187 00
	<hr/> \$1,258 09 .

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Required by law	\$38 70
Extra, by vote of town	100 00
	<hr/> \$138 70

SNOW BILLS.

James M. Nesmith	\$3 59
Cyrus F. Noyes	8 63
W. W. Hatch	11 37
E. E. Sawyer	3 00
Albert Little	2 40
John H. Smith	4 03
John Pettengill	7 80
C. C. Conley	2 30
J. W. Stickney	1 25
	<hr/> \$44 37

CEMETERY.

George E. Wright	\$67 32	
A. A. Dow	20 10	
Daniel Card	7 80	
F. B. Maddox, timber for well	50	
	<hr/>	\$95 72

The pump in cemetery was kindly donated by Mrs. C. M. Noyes.

Aid furnished to dependent soldiers and their families :

Sarah E. Kimball	\$104 00
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MISCELLANEOUS.

400 Town Reports for 1899, including complete catalogue of books in Public Library . . .	\$55 00
O. L. Whittaker, labor on School-house No. 1 and shed	10 50
Edge for road machine and express bill . . .	8 40
James P. Lucy, police, 1899 and 1900	14 00
A. J. Hall, watering trough, Oct. 1, 1898, to Oct. 1, 1900	6 00
A. C. Akeley, painting School-house No. 1 inside and outside and shed, and furnishing some supplies	14 63
G. E. Emerson, material and labor for School-house No. 1	8 53
G. E. Emerson, 6 blank town bonds, 24 appointment blanks, 1 tax collector's book and 1 inventory book	1 88
Hanscom Bros., drain pipe, 1899	14 23
" " " " 1900	3 96
F. B. Maddox, timber for guide-post	25

Dr. W. F. Wallace, medical attendance for D. W. Goodnow	\$10 75	
Murray & Dugdale, stove and funnel for School-house No. 1	8 30	
W. F. Wilson, placing culvert stone, and lettering and putting up three guide-boards	2 50	
W. F. Wilson, services as janitor of hall at biennial and town elections, Selectmen's and Supervisors' meetings, to Feb. 15, 1901 .	5 60	
Dr. E. H. Noyes, returning births and deaths .	1 25	
S. B. Mason, use of watering tub to Feb. 15, 1901	3 00	
George A. Page, issuing dog licenses, recording births, marriages and deaths, stationery, and housing road machine	5 65	
Herman Noyes, Treasurer of Academy, rent of hall	30 00	
George E. Wright, putting up two tramps . .	3 00	
E. E. Peaslee, lumber for School-house No. 1 shed	21 32	
		<hr/> \$228 75

HIGHWAYS.

E. E. Sawyer	\$101 19	
G. D. Conley	70 04	
S. H. Grover, 1899	15 00	
C. C. Conley, 1899	3 90	
C. C. Conley, 1900	30 70	
J. M. Nesmith	110 40	
J. H. Smith	103 55	
C. F. Noyes	114 60	
John Pettengill	74 07	
H. H. Brickett	103 92	
W. W. Hatch	91 95	
Albert Little	5 00	
M. G. Calef	1 00	
		<hr/> \$825 32

BRIDGES.

C. F. Noyes	\$19 70
E. E. Sawyer	25 22
J. K. Mason	22 50
H. H. Brickett	25 25
F. W. Greenough	1 31
J. H. Smith	8 23
E. E. Peaslee, lumber for bridges	71 24
S. D. Jones	7 50
William Clevesy	1 00
John Pettengill	5 40
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	\$187 35

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Bert Batson, 1899	\$1 29
John Leary, 1899	1 29
Harry McCombe, 1899	1 29
Hazen Prescott, 1899	1 29
T. H. Batchelder, 1899	1 61
George E. Murray, 1899	97
C. F. Perkins, 1899	39
George F. Damon, 1900, taxed elsewhere	1 38
Fred E. Stevens, 1900, taxed elsewhere	1 38
S. D. Jones, 1900, over 70 years old	1 38
John P. A. Perry, 1900, over 70 years old	1 38
George M. Kimball, 1900, soldier	1 38
Charles A. Davis, 1900, moved from town	1 38
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	\$16 41

TOWN OFFICERS.

George E. Emerson, Selectman	\$45 00
Jay W. Stickney, Selectman	25 00
Elmer E. Conley, Selectman	25 00

S. B. Mason, Collector and District Clerk	\$51 00
Gilman Greenough, Treasurer	15 00
George A. Page, Town Clerk	15 00
School Board	30 00
J. K. Mason, Police duty and notifying dog owners	8 00
J. B. Mason, Inspector of Election	2 00
Joshua A. Richards, Inspector of Election	2 00
J. M. Goodrich, Inspector of Election	2 00
C. B. Wheeler, Inspector of Election	2 00
H. H. Brickett, Supervisor, 1899 and 1900 . . .	7 50
Benn R. Heald, Constable	4 00
	<hr/> \$233 50

RECAPITULATION.

Amount in Collector's warrant	\$4,271 67
Received from State, R. R. tax	178 77
" " " Savings bank tax	148 85
" " " literary fund	29 50
" " " insurance tax	7 50
" " Rockingham county for aid fur- nished Sarah E. Kimball, of which \$18 was due previous to Feb. 15, 1900	114 00
Due from county for aid to Sarah E. Kimball . .	8 00
	<hr/> \$4,758 29

PAID OUT AS FOLLOWS:

On account of schools	\$1,258 09
" " snow bills	44 37
" " highways	825 32
" " bridges	187 35
" " cemetery	95 72
" " Public Library	138 70

Aid furnished Sarah E. Kimball, soldier's widow	\$104 00
Miscellaneous expenses	228 75
Abatement of taxes	16 41
Town officers	233 50
County tax	839 68
State tax	548 25
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	\$4,520 14
Balance unexpended from receipts and appropri-	
ations for 1900	\$238 15

The financial condition of the town February 15, 1901, is presented elsewhere by the Treasurer.

LOCATION OF BRIDGE WORK DONE THIS YEAR.

That done under supervision of C. F. Noyes was the taking up and relaying the stone bridge at foot of hill on road between brick school-house, East road, and brick church, and the widening and clearing of stone bridge on road leading from F. W. Greenough's to Plaistow.

E. E. Sawyer's bridge work was the repairing of abutments on bridge near J. P. A. Perry's, building new stone bridge near G. A. Sawyer's and clearing stone bridge near his house.

Under H. H. Brickett, the abutments to the Albert Little dry bridge (so-called) were almost entirely relaid and new stringers and plank placed thereon; and the bridge between John A. Hall's and A. J. Hall's was supplied with new stringers and plank.

Under John H. Smith, the dry bridge between A. A. Dow's and Levi Taylor's was renewed with stringers and plank.

The Hitchcock bridge abutments have been partially relaid and new plank purchased and stringers ready, but not laid on account of ground freezing. This is the principal part of the work on bridges;

and this description of it is given especially for reference as to the time it was done for those who may have the care of the same work some years hence.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. EMERSON,	}	SELECTMEN
JAY W. STICKNEY,		OF
ELMER E. CONLEY,		ATKINSON.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

The Collector charges himself with amount in warrant . . \$4,271 67

Credits himself as follows, viz. :

Receipts of Treasurer	\$3,919 56
Discounts, 6 per cent.	177 58
Uncollected taxes	174 53

Atkinson, February 15, 1901.

S. B. MASON, COLLECTOR.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer charges himself with :

Cash on hand, Feb. 16, 1900	\$528 21
Received from State, railroad tax	178 77
“ “ “ Savings Bank tax	148 85
“ “ “ literary fund	29 50
“ “ “ insurance tax	7 50
“ “ County of Rockingham	114 00
“ “ Selectmen for plank sold	1 00
“ “ Town Clerk for dog licenses	86 00
“ “ taxes of 1899	215 08
“ “ interest on same	7 08
“ “ taxes of 1900	3,919 56
“ “ cash overdrawn and returned	15 84
	\$5,251 39

He credits himself as follows :

Paid State tax	\$548 25
“ County tax	839 68
“ Selectmen's orders	3,132 21
“ School board, balance dog tax 1899	63 28
	\$4,583 42
Cash in hands of Treasurer	\$667 97

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Amount due from taxes of 1900	\$174 53
Cash in treasury	667 97
Due from County of Rockingham	8 00
	<hr/> \$850 50

GILMAN GREENOUGH, TREASURER.

ATKINSON, N. H., February 21, 1901.

The Auditor has looked over the accounts of the Selectmen, Collector, Treasurer, Library Trustees, and also the Town Clerk's report, and finds them correct. He would advise that some of them be more condensed.

GEO. P. DOW, AUDITOR.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ATKINSON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1900.

TABLE A.

Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Name of the Child (if any).	SEX AND CONDITION.				Name of Father.
			Male.	Female.	Living or Still-born.	No. of Child 1st, 2d, etc.	
February 14 . . .	Atkinson.	— Clay	Male.	Female . .	Still-born	First . .	George W. Clay . . .
March 31 . . .	"	Richard L. Heald	Male.	Female . .	Living	Second . .	Benn R. Heald . . .
May 28 . . .	"	— Clay	Male.	Female . .	"	Third . .	Henry N. Clay . . .
June 23 . . .	"	Robert E. Noyes	Male.	Female . .	"	Fourth . .	Isaac S. Noyes . . .
August 21 . . .	"	Marion B. Kelso	Male.	Female . .	"	Second . .	Carris Kelso . . .
August 30 . . .	"	Stephen Morse Wheeler	Male.	Female . .	"	First . .	Charles B. Wheeler . . .
September 14 . . .	"	Edna May Young	Female . .	Female . .	"	First . .	Thomas A. Young . . .
September 20 . . .	"	— Wood	Female . .	"	Still-born	Eighth . .	Ben O. Wood . . .
November 25 . . .	"	Beatrice Alby	Female . .	"	Living	Second . .	William H. Alby . . .
December 20 . . .	"	— Conley	Female . .	"	"	Fourth . .	Frank M. Conley . . .

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ATKINSON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1900.

TABLE A. (Continued).

Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.*	Age of Mother.*
Rosalthae M. House	White	Atkinson	Milkman	West Newbury, Mass.	Hampstead, N. H.	20	19
Susie V. Lunt	"	"	Painter	Atkinson, N. H.	Kennebunk, Me.	41	40
Ida F. Gove	"	"	Shoe-cutter	West Newbury, Mass.	Atkinson, N. H.	26	22
Jennie A. Hart	"	"	Farmer	Atkinson, N. H.	Port Hawkbury, C. B.	29	37
Belle Sargent	"	"	Shoe-maker	West Newbury, Mass.	Plaisrow, N. H.	30	28
Mary L. Thomas	"	"	Milkman	Dexter, Me.	Atkinson, N. H.	32	38
Loretta Chute	"	"	Laborer	Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia	22	21
Margaret McCabe	"	"	Farmer	Barre, Vt.	Boston, Mass.	34	32
Alice M. Akeley	"	"	Shoe-maker	Gloucester, Mass.	Manchester, N. H.	25	26
Nellie B. Davis	"	"	Farmer	Salem, N. H.	Haverhill, Mass.	30	23

* At last birthday.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE A. PAGE, TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ATKINSON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1900.

TABLE B.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage.	Age of Each in Years.	Color of Each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.
January 1 . . .	Haverhill, Mass.	Fred E. Stevens Laura M. Jellison	Atkinson, N. H. Haverhill, Mass.	23 24	White "	Clerk
January 27 . .	Plaistow, N. H.	Thomas A. Young Loretta D. Chute	Atkinson, N. H. Atkinson, N. H.	22 21	" "	Farmer Housework
April 4	Windham, N. H.	Everett H. Poor Lillian J. Clark	Atkinson, N. H. Hampstead, N. H.	27 20	" "	Farmer Domestic
April 30 . . .	Plaistow, N. H.	Franklin I. Knight Hattie E. Lemere	Atkinson, N. H. Atkinson, N. H.	29 34	" "	Shoe-maker Housekeeper
April 30 . . .	Atkinson, N. H.	George W. Allen Mary E. Daniels	Rowley, Mass. Rowley, Mass.	19 28	" "	Carriage Painter At Home
August 2 . . .	Atkinson, N. H.	Buel D. French Eliza M. Warren	Dexter, Me. Nova Scotia	23 37	" "	Farmer Domestic
September 5 . .	Atkinson, N. H.	Albert P. Cole Mabel F. Damon	Atkinson, N. H. Atkinson, N. H.	24 18	" "	Farmer Domestic
September 20 .	Atkinson, N. H.	Burton C. Pettengill Anna A. Chrignom	Atkinson, N. H. Haverhill, Mass.	20 20	" "	Farmer Book-keeper
October 10 . . .	Atkinson, N. H.	Aberdeen William Child Mary Louise Noyes	Cambridge, Mass. Atkinson, N. H.	25 29	" "	Soleman School Teacher

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ATKINSON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1900.

TABLE B. (Continued.)

Place of Birth of Each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	CONDITIONS: Whether Single or Widowed. What Marriage — whether 1st, 2d, etc.	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom Married.
Atkinson, N. H.	Moses B. Stevens Emily A. Heath	Plaistow, N. H.	Farmer Housewife	First	George L. Gleason, Clergy- man, Haverhill Mass.
Haverhill, Mass.	Benjamin H. Jellison Elizabeth Morrison . . . . .	. . . . .	State Messenger Housewife	First	Frank Parker, Clergyman, Plaistow, N. H.
Pleasant Hills, N. S.	Robert Young Margaret A. Crow	Pleasant Hills, N. S. Portique, N. S.	Farmer Housewife	First	Albert Watson, Clergyman, Windham, N. H.
Paradise, N. H.	David F. Chute Annie Farice . . . . .	. . . . . N. S. Wolsevil, N. S.	Farmer Housewife	First	Frank Parker, Clergyman, Plaistow, N. H.
Atkinson, N. H.	Arden E. Poor Annie E. Noyes	Lynn, Mass. Atkinson, N. H.	Farmer Domestic	First	Albert Watson, Clergyman, Windham, N. H.
Hampstead, N. H.	Benjamin W. Clarke Mary G. Bean	Hampstead, N. H.	Farmer Domestic	First	Frank Parker, Clergyman, Plaistow, N. H.
Atkinson, N. H.	Charles A. Knight Hannah J. Lowe	Atkinson, N. H. Derry, N. H.	Farmer Housekeeper	First	Frank Parker, Clergyman, Plaistow, N. H.
. . . . .	. . . . .	Paris, France Paris, France	Granite Cutter Housekeeper	Second, Divorced	Gilman Greenough, Justice of Peace, Atkinson, N. H.
Chester, N. H.	Charles Allen	Randolph, Mass.	Shoe-maker	First	

TABLE B. (Continued).

Place of Birth of Each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	CONDITIONS: Whether Single or Widowed. What marriage— whether 1st, 2d, etc.	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom Married.
Rowley, Mass.	George W. Daniels Sarah J. Dwinells	Rowley, Mass.	Carriage Mfr.	First	Gilman Greenough, Justice of Peace, Atkinson N. H.
Palmyra, Me.	Edwin French Helen M. Osborn	Palmyra, Me.	Farmer Housewife	First	George H. Scott, Clergyman, Atkinson, N. H.
Nova Scotia	William Crabbe	Nova Scotia	Farmer Housewife	Second	
Lawrence, Mass.	Albert S. Cole Eva F. Prescott	Wentworth, N. H. Epping, N. H.	Painter Housewife	First	George H. Scott, Clergyman, Atkinson, N. H.
Derry, N. H.	George D. Damon Eliza A. Jenness	Reading, Mass. Manchester, N. H.	Farmer Housewife	First	
Atkinson, N. H.	John Pettengill Nettie H. Nichols	Atkinson, N. H. Derry, N. H.	Farmer Housewife	First	Gilman Greenough, Justice of Peace, Atkinson, N. H.
Moores, N. Y.	William Chrigstom Elizabeth Peterkin	Moores, N. Y. Moores, N. Y.	Poultry business Housewife	First	
West Dennis, Mass. . . .	Aberdeen H. Child Estella F. Baker	West Dennis, Mass. . . . West Dennis, Mass. . . .	Salesman	First	Agustus C. Swain, Clergy- man, Cambridge, Mass.
Atkinson, N. H.	Hernon Noyes Henrietta A. Bailey	Atkinson, N. H. Haverhill, Mass.	Farmer Housewife	First	

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE A. PAGE, TOWN CLERK.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ATKINSON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1900.

TABLE C.

Date of Death.	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	AGE.			Place of Birth.	SEX AND CONDITION.				Occupation.
			Vrs.	Mos.	Days.		Male.	Female.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	
Jan. 28 .	Atkinson.	Nathaniel Chase	76	1	. .	Newbury, Mass. . . .	Male . . . . .	. . . . .	White	Married .	Farmer
Feb. 14 .	"	—— Clay . . . . .	. .	. .	. .	Atkinson, N. H. . . .	. . . . .	Female.	"	. . . . .	. . . . .
March 7 .	"	Raymond Bassett Little . . . . .	. .	8	6	"	Male . . . . .	. . . . .	"	. . . . .	. . . . .
" 19 .	"	Abigail L. Page	88	3	6	" . . . . .	. . . . .	Female.	"	Single . .	. . . . .
April 27 .	"	James H. Noyes	70	10	22	"	Male . . . . .	. . . . .	"	Married .	Farmer
June 7 .	"	Abigail P. Pierce	68	6	22	" . . . . .	. . . . .	Female.	"	Single . .	Housework
Sept. 20 .	"	—— Wood . . . . .	. .	. .	. .	" . . . . .	. . . . .	Female.	"	. . . . .	. . . . .
Nov. 19 .	"	John Little	75	2	28	"	Male . . . . .	. . . . .	"	Widower .	Farmer

TABLE C. (Continued.)

Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Disease or Cause of Death.	Occupation of Father.*	Name and P. O. Address of Physician, or other person, reporting death.
Father.	Mother.					
Newbury, Mass. .	Derry, N. H. . .	Henry Chase . . .	Betsy Warner . . .	Old Age, Insanity . .	. . . . .	H. M. Crittenden, Haverhill, Mass.
W. Newbury, Mass.	Hampstead, N. H.	George W. Clay . .	Rosalhae M. House	Premature Birth . . .	Milk-dealer	Edmund H. Noyes, Plaistow, N. H.
Atkinson, N. H. .	Haverhill, Mass.	Frank S. Little . . .	Stella Buzzell . . .	Acute Hydrocephalus .	Shoe-maker	Edmund H. Noyes, Plaistow, N. H.
"	Atkinson, N. H.	William Page	Elisabeth Little . . .	Old Age, Influenza . .	Farmer . .	Maurice D. Clarke, Haverhill, Mass.
"	"	James Noyes	Polly Page	Cancer	"	Wm. F. Wallace, Plaistow, N. H.
Hampstead, N. H.	"	Attai I. Pierce	Mary K. Page	Cardic Dropsy . . . . .	. . . . .	Edmund H. Noyes, Plaistow, N. H.
Barre, Vt.	Boston, Mass. . .	Ben O. Wood	Margaret McCabe . .	Still-born	Farmer . .	W. P. Robinson, Ayers Village, Mass.
Atkinson, N. H. .	Derry, N. H. . .	Jacob Little	Polly Nourse	Heart Failure following an operation	W. A. Allen, Hampstead, N. H.

* If deceased was under fifteen years of age.

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GEORGE A. PAGE, TOWN CLERK.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL BOARD.

The following brief report is submitted for the year ending March 1, 1901 :

SCHOOL NO. 1.

The spring term of this school began April 16, and closed June 28, being eleven weeks in length. It was attended by eleven different pupils with an average daily attendance of 9, or about 82 per cent.

The fall term began September 4, and continued for twelve weeks, with the same pupils in attendance, and with an average daily attendance of nearly 98 per cent.

The winter term of seven weeks commenced December 10, and closed January 25. Whole number of pupils, 12 ; average attendance, 10, or 83 per cent.

Teacher for the year, Miss Ora L. Ordway of Hampstead.

The names of Mildred Emerson, Fred Smith, Maud Smith and Pansy Smith appear on the roll of perfect attendance for two terms ; and those of Eva Clevesy, Wallace Clevesy and Maurice Given for one term.

SCHOOL NO. 2.

The spring term of this school began April 2, and continued for twelve weeks, closing June 27. Whole number of scholars, 9; average daily attendance, 8, or nearly 89 per cent. The teacher was Miss Eva I. Dodd of Haverhill, Mass.

The fall term began September 4, with the same teacher in charge and continued with some interruptions until November 6, when it was closed owing to the ill health of Miss Dodd. It was re-opened November 12 with Miss E. Louise Tuxbury, also of Haverhill, as teacher, and finally closed on November 30. No figures are given in the register to show how long the school was actually in session, but from the wages paid the different teachers it would seem to have been a little over twelve weeks. Whole number of pupils, 13; average attendance 11, or, 84 per cent.

The winter term was also taught by Miss Tuxbury, and was seven and four-fifths weeks in length, closing January 31. Whole number of scholars, 15; with an average daily attendance of nearly 14, or, 90 per cent.

Lena Conley was present at every session of the school during the whole year; Clifton Bartlett and Elsie Conley during two terms; Lewis Chase, Hazel Little and Howard Whitaker during one term.

SCHOOL NO. 3.

The spring term of this school commenced April 9, and ended June 22, being eleven weeks in length. It was taught by Miss Jeanette L. Gibbs of Merrimac, Mass., and was attended by eighteen pupils—eleven girls and seven boys. As the register was evidently not filled out in a correct manner, no average attendance or per cent. can be reported.

The fall term began September 11, and closed November 27, being eleven weeks in length. Whole number of pupils, 21, with an average daily attendance of 18.

The winter term was seven weeks in length beginning December 10, and closing January 25. Whole number of scholars attending this term, 16; average attendance, 12.

Both fall and winter terms were taught by Miss Mabel D. Barnes of Haverhill, Mass. We are sorry that the good attendance that characterized the fall term was not continued during the winter term, the per cent. of attendance dropping from 90 to 79.

Harry B. Tuttle was not absent during two terms, and Arthur G. Chute and Hattie Chute during one term.

SCHOOL NO. 4.

The spring term of this school began April 2, and ended June 22, and was thirteen weeks in length. Whole number of different pupils registered, 9, with an average daily attendance of nearly 8, or 96 per cent.

The fall term was twelve weeks in length beginning September 10, and ending November 28. Whole number of scholars in attendance, 14, with an average daily attendance of 98 per cent.

The winter term began December 3, and closed January 25, making a term of seven weeks in length. Whole number of pupils attending this term, 13, with an average daily attendance of nearly the same number, thus proving that there could have been but very few absences from school during this term. The names of pupils who have not been absent for one term are Herbert Colley, Arthur H. Sawyer, Nellie A. Welch, Etta M. Cummings and Sarah Cummings. For two terms, Ethel A. Damon, and for three terms, Clifford A. Sawyer, who has not been absent during the year.

SCHOOL NO. 5.

A single term only, of this school has been kept during the past year. It began December 3, and at the time of writing is still in session, and will close February 22, and will be twelve weeks in length. The member of the board who visited the school, reports that he found it in good condition and the children interested in their studies, and doing well. Teacher, Alice George of Haverhill, Mass.

After taking a general review of our schools of the past year, we are pleased to report that no very serious difficulties have occurred in

any one of them. In some of them, it is true, that not so much has been accomplished as we had hoped for and had good reason to expect at the beginning of the year. In other instances, the result has exceeded our most sanguine expectations. It will be seen that with the exception of one school, the per cent. of attendance has been quite large throughout the year, being 90 per cent. of the average membership, and taken as a whole, we have good reason to think that a good degree of improvement has been made during the year that has just closed. But in one of our schools, there seems to have been an indifference, to say the least, on the part of some of the parents (judging from the absences recorded in the school register) as to whether their children were attending the school or not. This is altogether wrong, as all must admit. We are clearly of the opinion, concurred in by every one, whether as teacher or otherwise who has had any experience in our schools, that only for the most urgent reasons should a child be allowed to stay away from school; that in order to obtain the best results, the attendance should be continuous; and that the too common practice of allowing a child to remain at home for some trivial reason, cannot fail of being injurious to the pupil, and detrimental to the welfare of the school. We are gratified to announce that the number of pupils who have attended our schools, has increased somewhat during the year—a fact which ought to encourage our citizens. Whether this increase is to be permanent or not, time only will determine. Judging from the past, we are fearful that such will not be the case. Twenty-five years ago we had a much larger population than at present, and consequently a greater number of scholars. In the year 1875, forty-five students from this town attended the Academy, nearly all of whom paid their tuition and purchased their own books and supplies. Now, with free tuition and free books, we have only about one-fourth of that number. Why, in a town so well situated as ours—with a record of being one of the healthiest towns in the State—free from the evil influences of saloons, and the vices generally connected therewith—with a good soil and contiguous to the best of markets, where all of our surplus productions can be easily and profitably disposed of—with no lawyers to stir up strife between our citizens—free from debt, with a low tax rate, and a comparatively large surplus in our treasury—why, we repeat, with all the advantages we have enum-

erated—should so many of our tenements remain vacant—our population be decreasing, and as a natural result, the number of our school children steadily diminishing, year after year?

GILMAN GREENOUGH,	}	SCHOOL BOARD.
MARY L. WHEELER,		
HERBERT N. SAWYER,		

TABULAR STATEMENT.

NUMBER OF SCHOOL.	1.			2.			3.			4.			5.		
	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.			
TERMS.															
Length of School in Weeks	11	12	7	12	12 ⁴	7 ⁴	11	11	7	13	12	7			
Whole Number of Scholars	11	11	12	10	13	15	18	21	16	9	14	13			
Number in Reading	11	11	12	10	13	15	17	21	16	9	13	12			
“ “ Spelling	11	11	12	10	13	15	15	21	16	9	12	13			
“ “ Pennanship	11	11	12	10	11	14	17	21	16	9	13	13			
“ “ Arithmetic	11	11	12	10	11	15	15	21	16	9	13	13			
“ “ Grammar	5	4	5	4	4	8	8	9	8	6	6	6			
“ “ Geography	5	8	6	4	4	8	11	9	13	6	6	6			
“ “ History	2	1	1	4	4	8	9	9	8	6	6	6			
“ “ Physiology	3	1	6	6	4	12	9	11	9	7	5	3			
Number of Visitors	30	17	6	6	4	12	10	11	9	7	5	3			

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT.

The School District Treasurer charges himself with :

Cash on hand Feb. 16, 1900	\$128 35
Amount of school tax required by law	645 00
Extra school money voted by town	300 00
Literary fund	29 50
Balance of dog licenses of 1899	63 28
	<hr/> \$1,166 13

He credits himself as follows :

Paid Edna A. Marble, bal. due 1899	\$21 00
“ Ora L. Ordway, for teaching School No. 1	210 00
“ Eva I. Dodd, “ “ “ 2	148 40
“ E. L. Tuxbury, “ “ “ 2	79 80
“ Jeannette L. Gibbs, “ “ “ 3	77 00
“ Mabel D. Barnes, “ “ “ 3	126 00
“ Edna H. Marble, “ “ “ 4	224 00
“ Alice George, “ “ “ 5	84 00
“ Bailey S. Bartlett, fires and care No. 2	2 50
“ Mrs. Oscar Tilton, work on School-house No. 3	1 50
Paid Est. J. H. Noyes, wood for school (1899) No. 3.	5 50
Paid for repairs on School-house No. 4	11 13
“ B. H. Steele, work on School-house No. 3	4 89
“ Amos Winters, sawing wood, No. 1	1 50
“ G. Greenough, wood for No. 1	70
“ Eva Clevesy, fires and care, No. 1	1 00
“ M. G. Calef, bills of 1899-1900	4 34
“ Geo. A. Sawyer, wood for No. 2	8 00
“ For sawing and packing same	4 35
“ W. M. Cragin, wood for No. 3	9 00
“ H. N. Sawyer, wood for No. 4	10 00
“ Albert Little, wood for No. 5	10 00
“ W. F. Wilson, care, etc.,	6 55
	<hr/> \$1,051 16
Cash in hands of Treasurer	<hr/> \$114 97

GILMAN GREENOUGH, TREASURER.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

ATKINSON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Trustees of the Public Library respectfully present their annual report for the year ending February 15, 1901 :

Our Library is becoming more valuable each year. Its growth the past year has been gratifying. We have added 112 books. Some of these have been donated by thoughtful friends, but most of them have been purchased. Some have been added to complete sets of standard authors ; others have been those of recent publication.

The need of a standard encyclopædia, so long felt, has been met. Hon. Wm. C. Todd, who has so often remembered Atkinson, has donated to the Library an edition of the Encyclopædia Britannica, in ten volumes. For purposes of reference, it will be invaluable. The Trustees sent to Mr. Todd the following vote of appreciation :

“We accept, with grateful appreciation, the gift of ten volumes of the Encyclopædia Britannica, made by Hon. Wm. C. Todd. The gift was timely as we were in need of such a work of reference, but felt unable to purchase it. For ourselves, as Trustees, and in behalf of the town, we tender to Mr. Todd our heartfelt thanks. May he be spared many years, and may the memory of his many benefactions abide to cheer and sustain him in his advancing age.”

(Signed by the Trustees.)

The Reading Club have continued to remember the Library, by the gift of seven choice books, and 18 volumes of the standard magazines. The magazines we secure for the cost of binding. They are Harper's, Scribner's, The Century and The Review of Reviews. The New England Magazine is added by the generosity of E. E. Sawyer.

Most of the articles in these reviews are of permanent value and are greatly enlarging the usefulness of the Library. Other donors of one or more books are Admiral Belknap, Mrs. Moody Currier, Frank E. Steele, Miss A. L. Page, Mrs. Geo. N. Cross and Geo. H. Scott.

These additions have necessitated an increase of shelf room at an expense of \$7.25.

The services of Mrs. Albert Gilbert as Librarian have been continued. She does her work well, and to the satisfaction of the Trustees and the patrons of the Library. The rent of room and salary of Librarian amount to \$50.00.

As the Library increases in age, many of the most popular books have to be rebound or replaced. We have recently had several volumes rebound.

Rear-Admiral Belknap presented the Library with a fine portrait of himself. By the generosity of Miss M. A. Page, this has been put into a fine gilt frame, and now adorns the walls of the Library Room. The sign "Public Library" over the outside door, now indicates that we have a Library, and where it is kept.

The Library is getting a strong hold upon the reading public. Interest in it does not diminish. Thirty-two new cards have been issued. The average weekly issue has been thirty. The number of patrons, 132. To foster this interest and increase it, and to maintain a healthy growth, the Trustees renew their request of last year, that the town appropriate at least \$100 the coming year, for the support of the Library.

GEO. H. SCOTT,	}	TRUSTEES.
GILMAN GREENOUGH,		
EUGENE E. SAWYER,		

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Library Treasurer charges himself with :

Cash on hand, February 16, 1900	\$1 51
Fines of Librarian	2 73
Received from town	138 70
	<hr/> \$142 94

He credits himself as follows :

Paid F. J. Barnard, binding magazines	\$4 50
" DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., for books	16 47
" H. A. Nye, for book	1 75
" E. E. Sawyer, for work and stock	7 25
" Geo. H. Scott, for sign and book	4 00
" Sawyer and Heath, for insurance	3 00
" DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., for books	8 33
" Alice F. Gilbert, services as Librarian	50 00
" DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., for books	24 15
	<hr/> \$119 45
Balance in hands of Treasurer	<hr/> \$23 49

GILMAN GREENOUGH, TREASURER.

ATKINSON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

CATALOGUE OF BOOKS

Added during the year ending February 15, 1901.

- Abbott, W. J., Blue Jackets of 1898
Abbott, Jacob, History of Queen Elizabeth
 " History of Peter the Great
 " History of Alexander the Great
Abbott, John S. C., History of Josephine
Across the Campus, Caroline M. Fuller
Adventures of Boy Reporter, H. S. Morrison
Adventures in Logland, Edith K. Hall
Almost as Good as a Boy, A. M. Douglass
Alexander, Mrs., Through Fire to Fortune
Alexander the Great, History of, Jacob Abbott
Alger, Horatio, The Erie Train Boy
Allen, James L., The Reign of Law
Allen, Grant, The Linnet
American Commonwealth, 2 vols., James Bryce
American Fights and Fighters, C. T. Brady
Atlantic Monthly.
Autobiography of a Quack, S. Weir Mitchell
Audubon, John J., The Life and Journeys of the Naturalist

- Banks, Charles E., Child of the Sun
 Barrie, J. M., My Lady Nicotine
 Barrows, John H., A World Pilgrimage
 Bartlett, A. W., History of the Twelfth Regiment
 Barton, W. E., Pine Knots
 " Prairie Schooner
 Battling for Atlanta, B. A. Dunn
 Bennett, Frank W., The Monitor in the Navy
 Between the Boer and Briton, E. Stratemore
 Bishop, Isabel B., Corea and Her Neighbors
 Black Terror, The John Leys
 Blue Jackets of 1898, W. J. Abbott
 Bolton, Sarah K., Famous Givers and Their Gifts
 Boyd, James A., Men and Issues of 1900
 Brady, C. T., Reuben James
 " American Fights and Fighters
 Brave Little Holland, Wm. E. Griffith
 Bryce, James, American Commonwealth, 2 vols.
 Buchanan, Robert, Father Anthony
 Bunyan, John, Pilgrim's Progress
 Burden of Christopher, Florence Converse
 Burrough, John, Squirrels
 Butterworth, H., In the Days of Jefferson
 By the Marches of Minas, C. D. G. Roberts
- Cheever, Harriet A., Little American Girl in India
 Child of the Sun, Charles E. Banks
 Clark, H. H., Admiral's Aid
 Conant, Charles A., United States in the Orient
 Converse, Florence, Burden of Columbus
 Corea and Her Neighbors, Isabel B. Bishop
 Corean Sketches, James S. Gale
 Country Doctor, The H. DeBalzac
 Crawford, F. M., A Tale of a Lonely Parish
 Crockett, S. R., Joan of the Sword Hand
 Cromwell, Oliver, Theo. Roosevelt
 Cuckoo Clock, The Mrs. Molesworth

- Currier, Moody, State Papers and Poems
 Davis, Rev. J. D., D.D., Life of Rev. Joseph Neesema
 " Mission Stories of Many Lands
 Deemer, Edw. S., History of Jr. O. U. A. M.
 DeBalzac, H., The Country Doctor
 Douglass, A. M., Almost as Good as a Boy
 Dunn, Battle for Atlanta
 Elizabeth and Her German Garden, Edward S. Wallace
 Elizabeth, History of Queen, Jacob Abbott
 Elliot, Geo., The Mill on the Floss
 Encyclopædia Britannica, 10 vols.
 Erie Train Boy, The Horatio Alger
 Essex County, Massachusetts, History of.
 Famous Givers and Their Gifts, Sarah K. Bolton
 Fairy Tales, Grimm
 Father Anthony, Robert Buchanan
 Fuller, Caroline M., Across the Campus
 Gale, James S., Corean Sketches
 Griffith, Wm. E., Brave Little Holland
 Grimm, Fairy Tales
 Hall, Edith K., Adventures in Logland
 Haggard, H. Rider, Swallow
 Hardy, Thomas, The Trumpet Major
 Hard Cash, Charles Reade
 Hill, F. S., The Lucky Little Enterprise
 Hunting the Grizzly, Theo. Roosevelt
 In the Days of Jefferson, H. Butterworth
 Jackson, Gabriel E., Pretty Polly Perkins
 Jerusalem, The Holy, Edwin S. Wallace
 Joan of the Sword Hand, S. R. Crockett
 Jones, Commodore Paul, Cyrus Townsend
 John Halifax, Gentleman Miss Muloch
 Johnston, Mary, Prisoners of Hope
 " To Have and to Hold

- Josephine, History of John S. C. Abbott
 Judge's Cave, C. M. Relgia
 Julian, The Apostate, D. S. Mereshkovski
 Jr. O. U. A. M., History of Edwin S. Deemer
 Leys, John, The Black Terror
 Life and Journeys of a Naturalist, John J. Audubon
 Little Lane Prince, Miss Muloch
 Little Sunshine's Holiday, Miss Muloch
 Little American Girl in India, H. A. Cheever
 Linnet, The Grant Allen
 Longfellow, H. W., The Song of Hiawatha
 Loyd, H. D., Newest England
 Lucky Little Enterprise, F. S. Hill
 Madison, A. F., A Maid in King Arthur's Court
 Maine Woods, H. D. Thoreau
 Maid in King Arthur's Court, A A. F. Madison
 Men and Issues of 1900, James P. Boyd
 Mereshkovski, D. S., Julian the Apostate
 Mill on the Floss, The Geo. Elliot
 Mission Stories of Many Lands, Rev. J. D. Davis, D. D.
 Mitchell, S. Weir, Autobiography of a Quack
 Monitor and the Navy, Frank M. Bennett
 Molesworth, Mrs., The Cuckoo Clock
 Montgomery, M. W., The Mormon Delusion
 Moody, D. L., The Life of Wm. R. Moody
 Moody, Wm. R., Life of D. L. Moody
 Mormon Delusion, Rev. M. W. Montgomery
 Morse, Edna, Road to Nowhere
 Morrison, H. S., Adventures of a Boy Reporter in the Philippines
 Muloch, Miss, John Halifax, Gentleman
 " Little Lane Prince
 " Little Sunshine's Holiday
 My Lady Nicotine, J. W. Barrie
 Neesema, Joseph Rev., Life Rev. J. D. Davis, D. D.
 Newest England, H. D. Loyd
 Nicaragua Canal, The Wm. E. Simmons

- Otis, James, The Traitor's Escape
 Ouida, The Waters of Edena
- Peck, Geo. W., Peck's Uncle Ike
 Peter the Great, History of Jacob Abbott
 Pilgrim's Progress, John Bunyan
 Pine Knot, Wm. E. Barton
 Prairie Schooner, The Wm. E. Barton
 Prisoners of Hope, Mary Johnston
 Pretty Polly Perkins, Gabriel E. Jackson
 Put Yourself in His Place, Charles Reade
- Quadroon, Mayne Reid
- Reade, Charles, Hard Cash
 Reid, Mayne, The Quadroon
 Reign of Law, The James L. Allen
 Relgia, C. M., Judge's Cave
 Resurrection, The Count Tolstoy
 Reuben, James, O. T. Brady
 Roberts, C. D. G., By the Marches of Minas
 Road to Nowhere, Edna Morse
 Roosevelt, Theo., Hunting the Grizzly
 " The Rough Riders
 Rough Riders, Theo. Roosevelt
- Simmons, Wm. E., Nicaragua Canal
 Sixteenth Regiment, L. T. Townsend
 Song of Hiawatha, The H. W. Longfellow
 Squirrels, John Burroughs
 State Papers and Poems, Moody Currier
 Stratemore, E., Between Boer and Briton
 Swallow, H. Rider Haggard
- Tale of a Lonely Parish, F. M. Crawford
 Thoreau, H. D., Maine Woods
 Traitor's Escape, The James Otis
 To Have and to Hold, Mary Johnston
 Townsend, Cyrus, Commodore Paul Jones

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- Trumpet Major, The Thomas Hardy
Townsend, L. T., History of the Sixteenth Regiment
Through Fire to Fortune Mrs. Alexander
Tolstoy, Count, The Resurrection
Twelfth Regiment, A. W. Bartlett
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